

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 17, 2013
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Matthew Simpson Councilman
Krista Wood Town Clerk

Also: Harry Balz, Beth Gilles, Robert and Sylvia Smith, Poul Carstensen, Paul Holmes, Jane Smith, Tom Johansen, Gary Frenz, Bill Siegle, Mike Erickson, Don Butler, Keith Wilkinson, Teri Schuerlein, Georgia McMeekin, Sandy Smith, and Brandon Himoff.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Simpson requested the discussion referenced in the Jan 3rd Minutes concerning the Landfill employees be amended to reflect that he said the Town should use their current floater for the Landfill, not that the Town should hire a floater to cover at the Landfill. The Clerk noted this and will amend the minutes of January 3rd accordingly. Minutes of December 27, 2012 and January 3, 2013 were then approved by Motion of Messrs. Hill and Olson, all Ayes.

Approval of January 17, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts:

RESOLUTION #25-2013

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 25 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the January 17, 2013 Vouchers and Abstracts as follows:

General Vouchers	# 1 - 28	\$ 19,774.42
Highway Vouchers	# 1 - 15	\$ 47,236.46
General Abstracts	1	\$ 17,295.97
Highway Abstracts	1	\$ 15,317.33

Correspondence to the Board:

- APA RE: Notice of application completion and review
- So. Adk Coal. RE: Guidance and signage for tobacco-free properties
- John Goode RE: North Warren Emergency Squad update
- Tri-Lakes RE: List of upcoming events
- Curt Cleveland RE: Contract for Willie Playmore Band for Horicon Day
- Joan Wolfe RE: Proposal for USDA Rural Community Solid Waste Grant programs

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #26-2013

Messrs. Higgins and Olson introduced Res. No. 26 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOARD OF ETHICS CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby appoint Jane Smith as Chairperson of the Town of Horicon Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION #27-2013

Messrs. Olson and Hill introduced Res. No. 27 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF THE TOWN CLERK RECORDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby state that the examination of the 2012 Town Clerk records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 17, 2013 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

RESOLUTION #28-2013

Messrs. Hill and Simpson introduced Res. No. 28 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF THE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby state that the examination of the 2012 Justice Court records was completed at the meeting of the Board on January 17, 2013 and the records were approved by all members of the Board.

RESOLUTION #29-2013

Messrs. Simpson and Olson introduced Res. No. 29 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GLENS FALLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Glens Falls Animal Hospital for a period from January 1 to December 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION #30-2013

Messrs. Higgins and Hill introduced Res. No. 30 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO RICHARD EMARD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize payment to Richard Emard in the amount of \$401.00 for electrical work performed on the Mill Pond lights.

Old Business:

Set Workshop Meeting with APA: Supervisor Bentley will see if he can set an afternoon workshop meeting for sometime in the next two weeks.

Planning Board members: Councilman Higgins said he spoke to Georgia McMeekin who indicated she would like to remain as alternate on the Planning Board. He suggested that Georgia be re-appointed as Alternate and then they could interview the applicants and make a decision at that time on the other open seat.

RESOLUTION #31-2013

Messrs. Higgins and Simpson introduced Res. No. 31 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby re-appoint Georgia McMeekin to serve as Planning Board Alternate for a term of five years. Term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Adirondack Schoolhouse: Councilman Simpson reminded the Board that they need to find alternative storage for the mowers, gas cans, trimmers, etc. that are being stored at the Adirondack Schoolhouse. He noted that if people are going to be able to use the building then the Town needs to move these items in order to get County compliance. There was brief discussion about putting up a storage shed and the best location for it. Councilman Simpson asked the Board for clarification that something will be done about this and the Board agreed it would be addressed.

New Business:

Contract for Horicon Day Band: Councilman Simpson explained to the Board that the Horicon Day Committee had contacted the Willie Playmore Band to perform at Horicon Day.

RESOLUTION #32-2012

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 32 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH WILLIE PLAYMORE BAND FOR HORICON DAY

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Bentley to sign the contract with Curt Cleveland and the Willie Playmore Band to provide musical entertainment for Horicon Day at

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a cost of \$600.00. The Board authorizes a deposit of \$120.00 be paid to confirm the date. Funding for this will be taken from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

Tri-Lakes Business Alliance: Don Butler, President of Tri-Lakes Business Alliance, addressed the Board regarding their upcoming events. He explained that they are planning the Brant Lake Winter Carnival which is to be held February 9th. They need insurance, music, advertising, prizes, etc. and Mr. Butler asked the Board if the Town could help out.

RESOLUTION #33-2012

Messrs. Olson and Simpson introduced Res. No. 33 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF BED TAX FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize \$1,000.00 to be given to Tri-Lakes Business Alliance to help fund the Brant Lake Winter Carnival. This is to come from the Special Publicity Fund (A6412.4).

Brandon Himoff asked the Board if they would be able to use the Town parking lot for overflow parking for the Carnival if need be. The Board said it would be fine as long as there was nothing planned at the Community Center for that day.

Landfill: Councilman Simpson said it had been brought to his attention that Adrian Wood was hired as a summer helper at the Landfill at the rate of \$7.50 per hour and he is currently making \$10.00 per hour and is working as a Landfill Helper. He noted that if Adrian is working year round then he should be paid at the same rate as the Landfill Helper. Supervisor Bentley said Adrian should be scheduled for two days one week and three days the next.

RESOLUTION #34-2012

Messrs. Simpson and Hill introduced Res. No. 34 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO CLASSIFY ADRIAN WOOD AS LANDFILL HELPER

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby classify Adrian Wood as Landfill Helper at the rate of \$12.45 per hour. They further authorize that he be put on a rotating schedule of two days one week and three days the next until Bob Hayes returns to work.

Privilege of the Floor

Sylvia Smith – Warren Co. Bicentennial: Sylvia Smith, of the Warren County Citizens Committee and Team North Warren, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming celebration of Warren County's Bicentennial. She presented each Board member with a commemorative booklet and pin and noted that booklets will be available from local businesses. Sylvia also explained that each Town will be presented with a plaque in June. The Bicentennial event being planned by Team North Warren will be held Saturday, August 24, 2013 and it will be big.

Poul Carstensen – Mill Pond Beautification: Poul Carstensen addressed the Board regarding the fact that the Mill Pond area needs immediate attention. Mr. Carstensen made several suggestions to the Board regarding what could easily be done to improve the area around the Mill Pond.

Beth Gilles, Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Waterfest: Beth Gilles addressed the Board about the upcoming Waterfest that is being held July 12th in Chestertown. She noted that they have several sponsors already and asked the Board if the Town would be interested in sponsoring the event at a cost of \$250.00. Supervisor Bentley noted that there is enough money in the Youth Budget code to do this.

RESOLUTION #35-2012

Messrs. Olson and Higgins introduced Res. No. 35 and moved its adoption, all Ayes:

RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR WATERFEST

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize \$250.00 be given to sponsor Waterfest being held July 12th.

Executive Session: Councilman Simpson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Higgins, to move to Executive Session to discuss highway compensation, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 PM and Councilman Higgins made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Olson, all in favor. Highway compensation was discussed.

Councilman Olson asked if it would be alright to invite the Solar company that installed the solar panels in Chester to make a presentation at the next Board meeting. The Board thought this would be fine.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill and Olson, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk